

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

the island way

Highlighting different ways in which islanders are adopting sustainable lifestyles is the focus of this 25-minute video, shot on location on islands in the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific regions, with the support of UNESCO's Small Islands Voice initiative.

Communities from different regions are taking distinct approaches to such global issues as climate change. For example, in Mauritius communities are conserving energy to reduce their utility bills and preserve their resources, while in St. Vincent and the Grenadines coastal villagers whose homes lie in the path of hurricane-generated flooding are grappling with the idea of relocating their entire village. Island communities in Palau are leading the way in planning how they want their neighbourhoods to develop over the next decade, and then working to turn those plans into reality; while youth are called upon to commit their drive and innovation to adopt sustainable lifestyles.

The goal of sustainable living is for communities and individuals alike, to be able to satisfy their needs and improve their quality of life, whilst also creating an enabling environment for the next generation to fulfil its aspirations. As such, the concept of sustainable island living provides a practical and personal manifestation of the principles contained in the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

